

TASK OF TAKING ALASKA'S CENSUS

Most Difficult Branch of the Bureau's Work.

Special Agent Dunham Preparing to Leave.

Hard to Secure Satisfactory Enumerators—Details of the Proposed Gold Region Canvass.

One of the most difficult tasks that confronts the Census Bureau, according to Director Merriam, is the work of enumerating Alaska. "It promises to be the most arduous task in connection with the whole project," said yesterday. "We will have all the arrangements perfected in a few days and the special agent, Mr. Dunham, will leave for Alaska in about a week. He will carry with him a full set of blanks, specially prepared for this service. Particular attention will be given to obtaining the statistics in regard to mining, and also the agricultural possibilities of Alaska. After Mr. Dunham leaves here we do not expect to see him again for eighteen months.

The census of Alaska will begin during June, 1899, as in the remainder of the country, and it will take a year or more to arrange for the enumerators and other employees. Mr. Dunham is to have charge of the Upper Yukon and the gold fields, and another man will look after the coast region. Mr. Dunham will go far into the north of Alaska, to the reindeer stations, into the mining regions and wherever there is a settlement, picking out his men to take the census next year. This will be especially difficult, owing to the transitory character of the population of Alaska at the present time. The enumerators may be in one place today and another tomorrow, and next year may be a thousand miles away from the first place.

"Mr. Dunham will have a hard time to secure satisfactory enumerators, and they will demand much more pay than those in the States. Labor costs about \$10 a day in the mining regions, and there is no reason to believe they will work for the Government at less than that. Then they will want their pay at once, and will not care to wait until they can hear from Washington. Consequently, we had to have Mr. Dunham appointed a special disbursing agent in order that he might pay the enumerators at once. To enable him to secure the funds necessary, as the transportation of the money was, of course, impossible, we have an arrangement by which he can draw on us for the money.

"Mr. Dunham will have a complete outfit for traveling in the Alaskan region, including sledges and dogs, and will spend the summer in the Yukon region. When winter comes and the streams freeze up he will enter the mining regions. While the taking of the census of Alaska will be very expensive, it will be much more thorough than any preceding one, and the statistics should be of great value. Mr. Dunham's expenses alone will probably be \$50,000. Along the coast another man will take a boat and visit the different settlements on the islands. He will not have such a hard time as Mr. Dunham, as these places are quite accessible."

CAUGHT WITH RICH BOOTY.

Robbers Who Carried Off \$2,000 in Plunder.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 12.—Two desperate thieves, armed with revolvers, were arrested last night by Detectives Whitcomb, Gallagher, Miller and Special Police Reading, charged with robbing the summer residence of George W. Knowles, of No. 1828 Spruce Street, at Upland, Delaware county, of \$2,000 worth of jewelry, silvers and clothing. Nearly all the plunder was recovered by the detectives. The prisoners give their names as John Dolan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and James Doyle, of Toledo, Ohio. John Ryan and his wife who are alleged to have received some of the stolen property, were also arrested, and are all locked up at the Central Police Station.

MURDER AND SUICIDE BY A NEGRO.

Louisville, Ky., April 12.—Ella Bradlock, colored, was shot and killed by her jealous lover, Oliver Winston, yesterday morning in the rear of a negro tenement at 1047 Seventh Street. Winston escaped and the police were utterly unable to trace him, but yesterday afternoon the corner was called to 135 West Green Street and found that Winston had been there after the murder and sent a bullet through his brain.

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AGONCILLO MAKES CLAIMS.

Says the Filipinos Have 1,500 American Prisoners.

Paris, April 12.—In an interview printed in the "Patrie," Agoncillo, the agent of Aguinaldo, says: "The Americans have fully realized that they will never subdue the Filipinos and that the policy of General Otis has completely failed. The Filipinos have resolved to defend themselves to the death. They have in their power 3,500 American prisoners."

"The war season is arriving and fever will soon attack the American troops and discourage them. During this enforced truce we, on the contrary, will increase the strength of our organization. The situation of the Filipinos is far from desperate." Agoncillo has also written a letter, saying: "It is absolutely false that Aguinaldo is willing to accept an autonomist system similar to that of India. The Filipinos and their government have only one ideal—absolute independence—as the only source of general welfare."

PENNSYLVANIA'S CAPITAL.

Bill to Transfer It From Harrisburg to Philadelphia.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 12.—A bill to transfer the seat of the State government from Harrisburg to Philadelphia was introduced yesterday by Representative David S. B. Chew, of the latter city. It provides for the removal on January 1, 1901, on condition that the city of Philadelphia shall file with the governor a legal and binding agreement on the part of that city to furnish to the State of Pennsylvania the necessary site for the capital and public buildings.

FIRE IN NEW MEXICO.

Several Valuable Buildings Destroyed in Espanola.

Espanola, N. M., April 12.—Bond Bros', three large business houses, packed with valuable merchandise, the Rio Grande and Denver City Railway station, a livery barn and several smaller buildings, were destroyed by fire shortly after noon yesterday. The fire was caused by the thoughtless action of a woman servant who pulled hot ashes out of a yard oven while a strong gale of wind was blowing. The appliances at hand were inadequate to check the fire, and it was almost a miracle that any building in the town escaped. The damage was \$150,000, covered by \$50,000 insurance. The sparks from the warehouse were carried by the wind to the Rio Grande station. It caught fire like tinder and burned furiously. A shower of sparks fell on Mr. Pollard's house. Had that building burned the remainder of the place would probably have been destroyed, but the house is of adobe, with a corrugated sheet iron roof, and so it was saved.

BANKS DISASTROUS.

Do Not Like New York's System of Checks for Check Collection.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12.—The recent ruling of the New York Clearing House Association in regard to the tariff put upon clearance of commercial paper causes general dissatisfaction and disapproval among Cleveland banking institutions and large depositors. No steps have as yet been taken here to thwart the evident alleged scheme of the New York institutions to draw a greater centralization of capital for their way. Cleveland bankers, however, dislike to lose the capital that will eventually be withdrawn to open New York accounts.

The bankers of Cleveland have no organization, and the cutthroat system prevails, that forces every individual bank in the city to provide New York or any other draft free of charge to customers. A number of banks here have Philadelphia and Chicago banks to their correspondents over the country to accept exchange at par and settle every week. They will use Philadelphia exchanges for Eastern business in New York, Pennsylvania and near neighborhood. Chicago exchange for business in the Central and Middle Western States, and possibly a Boston bank for the New England States. By following this course they hope soon to bring the New York institutions to change their minds.

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MUNYON'S INDORSER BY PREACHERS,

Lawyers, Doctors, Business Men, and the Public Generally.

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